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CHRIST AS SAVIOUR

CHRISTMAS reminds us of the birth of Jesus Christ. It should also bring to mind the great work he was sent on earth to accomplish . . . *"that the world through him might be saved."*

Too many preachers have long since forgotten this primary mission of Christ. They moralize much in their sermons about what we can do for ourselves, with scarcely a mention of what God has done for us. They seem afraid to assert boldly that the Christian Gospel is the 'good news' of a Saviour who wrought our redemption "once for all" and "to the uttermost." Yet this was the announcement of the first Christmas night: "Behold there is born to you a *Saviour* . . . who is Christ the Lord."

Why wonder, then, that Protestantism is no longer vigorous, that it too often lacks a positive program, that it cowers before the aggressive forces of Roman Catholicism? Protestantism was strong when it fearlessly re-asserted the essence of the Gospel, that Christ came to save men from their sins that all who have faith in him can obtain forgiveness, deliverance and eternal life; when it was not afraid to denounce false doctrine and challenge the popes and their human teachings as distortions of Christ's doctrine.

Protestantism today, in order to hold on to Christ without stressing his personal teachings, too often speaks of salvation as if it were an abstract theory. But Jesus Christ was no theoretical social economist nor a politician. He was a Saviour of men's souls. "*Seek ye first,*" he said, "*the Kingdom of Heaven, and all these things shall be added unto you.*"

History bears out this promise of Christ as it does the other truths he revealed. It was the acknowledgment of Jesus Christ as the one Saviour, at the time of the Reformation, that brought with it great blessings to mankind. Social betterment, and economic improvement, civil liberties and democratic government made great strides in the countries affected by the Reformation and its pure Gospel teaching. Today, when the world so sorely needs a Saviour, our first duty is to open our hearts personally and individually to Christ as Saviour. Then, and then only, will we be able to do ourselves the things that need to be done.

*To all our readers we extend all the blessings of the
Christmas Season*

EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS

APPEAL OF CLERICAL FASCISM

MOB PSYCHOLOGY is the basis of Clerical Fascism. Centuries of experience in keeping the common people bogged down in ignorance and superstition have taught it how to allure the masses and turn them against their liberators. In Italy, Spain, Mexico and elsewhere it prepares its counter-Revolution and maintains it by inflating the ego of the crowd with pageantry and demonstrations, marches and drills, battle songs and war cries, salutes and blind obedience to one leader. It caters to crude emotions with its creed of hate against Jewry and Protestantism, Freemasonry and democracy.

But its greatest appeal is to religious fanaticism. Next to that come impossible promises and contradictory catchwords: It promises land to the dispossessed while accepting the support of great landowners and proclaiming the 'inviolable sanctity' of property; it demands 'social justice' but forbids strikes; it promises trade unions, but tolerates no union leaders; it proclaims 'true democracy' but condemns political parties as forms of anarchy; it teaches social equality to the poor and hierarchical society to the rich.

CATHOLIC CONTROL IN MEXICO

POVERTY in the midst of riches is the sad story of Mexico. The Catholic weekly, *The Tidings*, recently spoke of Mexico as "the sad spectacle of several million men covered with rags, living in hovels, who are born, live and die in misery and disgrace." This admission is a sad commentary on the Roman Catholic church that has been supreme in Mexico for four centuries.

Contrary to the usual Catholic propaganda that the church is not responsible for these conditions, Father Rivera, a Roman Catholic priest and historian, frankly admitted that "the laxity of the priesthood, the education of Mexico by the priesthood, the ideas and customs of the priesthood" are the main cause of "the backwardness and ill-being of Mexico." An article in the March 1943 issue of *THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE* contains ample confirmation of this.

The wealth of the Catholic church in Mexico began to pile up in the early days of the Spanish conquest when the church got a large share of the profits made through enslaved Indians. But from the establishment of the *Inquisition* in Mexico in 1571, its wealth increased by leaps and bounds with the

seizure of the fortunes and property of condemned 'heretics.' *The Auto da Fé* of 1649 alone yielded three million pesos, as Prof. Gruening notes in *Mexico and Its Heritage*.

Once the Roman church in Mexico became wealthy beyond comparison, its main concern from then on was to protect its vested interests. This is the point that Betty Kirk made in her candid survey of present-day Mexico: "The Church . . . owned by 1857 one-third of Mexico's national wealth and worked hand in glove with the aristocrats to keep the Indians in subjection and ignorance."

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND BIRTH CONTROL

THROUGHOUT the world, and particularly in Latin America where family ties are strong, Vatican propagandists denounce the United States as a pagan country because it allows birth control. Here in this country they have stooped to gutter language to decry planned parenthood as "barnyard morality" and "cold-blooded murder."

We are interested here only in pointing out that Catholics are second to none in the practice of birth control. It is therefore more than presumptuous for the American Catholic hierarchy to dictate morality to the overwhelming Protestant majority of this country, when its own Catholic household is in utter disorder even when judged by its own home-made standards.

Father Thomas F. Coakley, in *The Catholic World* of January 1942, pointed out that in the last ten years the number of Catholic school children in the Pittsburgh diocese had actually de-

creased by 12,648, and went on to say that in reality it was 26,369 less than it should have been when contrasted with the fact that the diocese as a whole had grown 17½ per cent by city migration and other means.

According to the *Fortune* poll of last August, 69 per cent of the Catholic women questioned advocated birth control knowledge for all married women. An additional 6.6 per cent of them were undecided, which means at least that they were not positively in favor of the Catholic teaching.

Msgr. Ligutti, executive secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, made the following admission concerning Catholic birth control practice: "Ten years ago we [Catholics] had 250,000 more elementary school children." (*Brooklyn Tablet*, September 4, 1943.)

The Roman Catholic church is prospering in politics. In morals, even when judged by its own standards, it is decaying rapidly. It is time it began to pay more attention to its own morality and less to other peoples'. It should also try to recall that morality, not politics, is the supposed purpose of its existence.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

WENDELL WILLKIE in a speech at Syracuse, New York, on October 21, spoke as follows: "For my part, I believe in the strong and public debate of all vital issues and indeed I think such debate is more important in wartime than in peacetime. We are fighting for free government and we must be ever vigilant in our maintenance of it."

Democracy thrives on free and open discussion. The truth has nothing to be

afraid of. The Catholic church's muzzling of 'controversial subjects' both in the press and over the radio is the strongest possible indictment of its policies and practices.



COUGHLINISM AND SINARQUISM

IN MANY COUNTRIES there is but one Clerical Fascism. Its local differences are at most modifications of one master plan. Its objective everywhere is the restoration of the worldwide political power of the Catholic International. Even in details of organization and policy the similarities are striking. For instance, compare Coughlinism with Sinarquism:

Both recruit among the ignorant and the malcontents; both cry out against persecution and demand social justice; both are organized by cells; both are directed and defended by the clergy; both use anti-Semitism as a rabble-rouser; both dedicate themselves to 'God and country' and use 'Christ the King' as their slogan for 'Christian Revolution'; both use 'Christian' in an anti-American and anti-Semitic sense; both identify American culture with paganism; both work behind a hierarchical 'false front'; both work largely underground by household meetings; both are strongly pro-Franco; both use military groups to agitate and terrify; both claim that it will take seven to ten years for their 'national socialism' to triumph; both plan to win control by constitutional means, as Hitler did, but have threatened to use civil war, if necessary.

JESUITS TEACH U. S. ARMY

JESUIT influence within the U. S. Department of State is an undeniable fact that accounts for the strong pro-Clerical bent of our foreign policy. We noted in *THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE* of last month the hundreds of Jesuit-trained Catholics who hold State Department positions in Washington and in American diplomatic posts throughout the world. We mentioned that they were graduates of the Jesuit *Foreign Service School* at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. We did not add that a large map in the entrance of the *Foreign Service School* shows that its graduates occupy so many diplomatic posts immediately surrounding Russia that they constitute a formidable *cordon sanitaire* or "safety belt," against the growing influence of Russia.

While the prostitute press of the country smothers in silence vital truths about Catholic political control in this country, the *New York Post* of October 9, 1943, had the courage to publish an article from which we quote below:

"The U. S. Army's Special Training Program for military government and occupational work includes instruction which represents Russia as a menace to the U. S. and the Western world and offers a revival of the medieval Holy Roman Empire as a proper European settlement."

The above-mentioned Army Training Program is being given at the Jesuit University of Georgetown. The principal lecturer is Jesuit Father Edmund Walsh, head of the *Foreign Service School*. Besides teaching our future diplomats and Army administrators in Washington, *Father Walsh travels, at Government expense, to teach similar pro-Clerical propaganda at 19 other Army Training schools throughout the country.* A textbook written by him is

used for the students taking his courses at Georgetown.

The article in the N. Y. *Post* gave the following excerpt from one of this Jesuit's recent lectures:

"The major problem today is to beat the Russians to Berlin. Russia is the most controversial element in history . . . The breakdown of Czardom has brought to the world 25 years of disturbance of the equilibrium . . . Russia has no unity of character but is an ethnological museum . . . Russia in reconquering its eastern European territories, assures its domination of the World Heartland and is therefore in a position to dominate the world."

Other teachers besides Walsh lecture both in the Jesuit *Foreign Service School* and in the *Army Special Training Program*. Among them is Goetz Briefs, a close friend of the Clerical

politician Heinrich Bruening who prepared the way for Nazism in Germany by instituting government by decree and cooperating with Prussian reactionaries against liberal reform. According to the newspaper quoted above, Briefs "told his Army classes that a revival of the Holy Roman Empire was the only solution of the German problem."

Another lecturer in these Jesuit courses is George Freiherr von Alexis, formerly associated with the pro-Clerical Fascist army in Austria called the Heimwehr. Still another is Edgar Prochnik, another Austrian, who openly advocates in his lectures the restoration of the Hapsburg dynasty in Central Europe as the one sane solution of the problems at issue.

CATHOLICISM IN PERU

CARLETON BEALS is a well-known author and authority on Latin-American affairs. In one of his books, *Fire on the Andes*, speaking of the typical inhabitant of Lima, Peru, he says (p. 177):

"He runs to pray and buys innocuous pills stamped with the image of the Virgin of Perpetual Help rather than call the doctor . . . They cure eye infections by rubbing them with the blessed image of the Virgin of Carmel. Such fanaticism has endured from the days of Pizarro's first invocations on the founding of the city."

He quotes Prada on the lamentable conditions existing in Lima, capital of Peru, as follows:

"What is Lima? A Dead Sea, in which churches and monasteries poke up like islands without water or vegetation. Thus a population that embraces more than a hundred edifices destined to the worship and teaching of religion does not possess a single municipal school worthy of a civilized people."

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

—Rom. 1:16.

WILLKIE'S DEFENSE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

REFRESHING contrast to the Roman Catholic hierarchy's condemnation of Protestant missionaries was Wendell Willkie's splendid defense of them in his address before the Presbyterian General Assembly in Detroit. Here in part is what he said:

"On my recent trip, I saw at first hand a multitude of concrete instances which convinced me of the value of foreign missions both to the lands they serve and to the cause of good-will for America. Everywhere I went I found American colleges, schools, hospitals, and churches, many of them supported by the churches of this land. I found American missionaries, men and women, exerting a leadership—a human and personal leadership—which I have no hesitation in characterizing as vital to the future hopes, not alone of other nations, but of our own United States."

CLERICAL FASCISM IN MEXICO

By J. J. MURPHY

THROUGHOUT Mexico's history the Roman Catholic church succeeded in protecting its fabulous wealth by keeping dictator governments in power. In a speech at Guadalajara, Mexico, on February 24, 1942, Governor Barba Gonzalez gave an historical survey of the church's fascist domination of Mexico:

"I see nothing strange in making these charges of pro-Axis activity against some members of the Mexican Catholic clergy, because our history shows clearly the miserably traitorous conduct of the majority of the directors of this religious institution. We have not forgotten the Church's excommunication of Father Hidalgo in the War of Independence against the Spanish Crown. We remember, too, the solemn reception given by the clergy and other big landowners to the French invaders and the so-called Emperor Maximilian. More recently we have seen the meeting of the bishops and archbishops held in this capital in 1926, when they adopted the famous 'religious boycott' which started immediately an armed revolt which caused the nation so many lives, so much blood and money . . ."

After the execution of Emperor Maximilian in 1867, President Benito Juarez, who had been forced out of office by the papal-inspired invasion of French imperial soldiers, was again elected by the people.¹ But this time the democratic government was overthrown by a church revolt, headed by Porfirio Diaz, a former student for the priesthood. General Diaz ruled Mexico with an iron hand, sold Mexico's natural wealth to foreigners, seized the Indians' lands and gave them to political favorites and church institutions. He was

loaded with praise and decorations by the Vatican.

Throughout the Diaz dictatorship, the Roman Catholic church worked hand in hand with Imperial Germany in exploiting Mexico financially and politically. "There was the German Hugo Scherer, intimate of Limantour, Diaz's Secretary of the Treasury. He had become connected with money in many countries and, with much pomp, embraced the Catholic faith. Through his hands had passed much of the European capital that had gone into government loans—Church money, some believed, directed from Germany through its powerful *Catholic Party*, with the encouragement of the Kaiser, and funneled into Mexico for reasons of *realpolitik*."²

After the crushing rule of Diaz ended, Francisco Madero, a democrat, was elected President. He was assassinated by the bandit Huerta, who seized the Government. The Catholic church celebrated the death of democratic government by the ringing of bells and the singing of *Te Deums*.³

THE REVOLUTION

The period of the Revolution in Mexico started in 1910. Indians and mestizos who comprise the overwhelm-

¹ *The Papacy in the 19th Century*, by Friedrich Nippold, pp. 349-354, describes how Pope Pius IX plotted with the Hapsburgs for the overthrow of Mexican democracy.

² *The Wind That Swept Mexico*, by Anita Brenner, p. 13.

³ Anita Brenner, *op. cit.*, p. 31.

ing majority of Mexico's 20,000,000 inhabitants were landless and utterly impoverished. The total wealth of Mexico, except a tiny fraction, was held by a small clique that amounted to only 3 per cent of the population, mostly churchmen and absentee landlords.

The Mexican Revolution involved ten years of civil wars and another ten years of further struggle. Although it was not until 1934 that the solution of the serious land problem was undertaken, the fight against illiteracy began in the 1920's, in spite of vicious opposition on the part of the Catholic church.

Overcoming illiteracy in Mexico, where only a small part of the population could read and where 50 Indian dialects were still in use, was the first objective of the Revolution. The anti-democratic schools of the Catholic church, run at huge profit for the exclusive attendance of the children of wealthy parents, were closed down. Free public schools were opened by the Government even in the rural districts. The church, enraged because it lost its monopoly on education as well as its profits, condemned the public schools on the grounds that they were co-educational and 'Communistic.'

In January, 1926, the Catholic church in Mexico denounced the Constitution because of its religious and educational provisions which curtailed its political and financial power. *Six months later the hierarchy, led by Archbishop Diaz, acting on instructions from the Vatican, gave the signal for armed revolt by issuing an interdict that closed all churches and forbade the clergy to hold services.* The Clerical leaders further aroused the fanaticism of the Indians against the government by burning many of their churches. A Catholic 'army of revolution' was formed. Its members were called *Cristeros*, that is, 'Christ-ers.' Armed by church agents, they drenched

Mexico in blood, concentrating on the murder of school teachers. In the course of this Catholic insurrection, President Obregon, one of Mexico's ablest administrators, was murdered on July 7, 1928, by José León Toral. Brenner (p.79) relates the following facts about the assassin:

"... he was a member of a terrorist group that decided that Christ the King required the sacrifice of someone's life [his own] in exchange for Obregon's. A nun and a zealot, leaders of the group, were banished to a prison island."

The most fruitful years of the Mexican Revolution were the six years of Lazaro Cardenas' presidency, starting in 1934. Cardenas, a mestizo, is a socialist of high moral principles. He turned the notorious "Foreign Club" into a children's school. No political opponent, except the Clericals, ever attempted to belittle his character. Even open-minded capitalists spoke well of him. For instance, Alfonso Rivas, sub-director of the Transport Bank in Mexico, said of him:

"My hat is off to Cardenas. Although I am a conservative and don't see eye to eye with his policy, when a man will refuse a bribe of 350,000 pesos which was offered him... he commands respect. His greatest weapon is his honesty."

The most critical issue facing Cardenas and all Mexico was the land problem. Mexico is essentially an agricultural country. Fully 90 per cent of the families living within its 1,000,000 square miles did not own a foot of land. For generations they had been clamoring and agitating for land reform. Millionaires owned enormous farms, controlled the scanty water supply, left much of the land unirrigated and untilled, and used the half-starved Indians as serfs.

Cardenas' plan, which he faithfully carried out as far as possible financially, was to appropriate in the name of the

government part of the unused acres of enormous estates, irrigate them and divide them among the undernourished Indians, teaching them to farm in a modern, scientific way.

During his presidency, Cardenas distributed 45,330,119 acres of land to 1,020,594 heads of impoverished Indian families, thus furnishing a means of subsistence to several additional millions of dependents. Government agents and agricultural experts supervised the cultivation of those new farms, settled disputes and helped in the marketing of the produce and the distribution of profits.

WAS THE REVOLUTION COMMUNIST?

The Jesuit propaganda mill in every country manufactures a Communist scarecrow to justify a Clerical counter-Revolution. To this end, in Mexico, land distribution, public schools, unions, Cardenas, and everything connected with the Revolution were branded 'Communist.' The Knights of Columbus within the space of a few years spent \$3,000,000 to foister this calumny of Mexico over on the American public.

In order to expose more effectively Catholic untruths about the Mexican Revolution, frequent references are made throughout this article to two new and authoritative books, which are, however, distinctly anti-Communist. Anita Brenner's book, *The Wind That Swept Mexico* was criticized by *The New Republic* of May 31, 1943, as being strongly prejudiced against Communism. As to Betty Kirk's book, *Covering the Mexican Front*, former U. S. Ambassador to Mexico, Josephus Daniels, in his introduction to it commends her for her knowledge and fairness, but reproves her for using the term "Communist" too loosely and applying it to persons in no way connected with the Soviet ideology. Her

dislike of the Communists is an open secret.

Perhaps the most authoritative statement on the 'Communism' of Mexico is that of ex-Ambassador Daniels himself. He speaks from his years of experience in Mexico during the presidency of Cardenas:

"Most people called Communists in Mexico ought rather to be called protestants-against-the-status-quo They are, like the Irish when they first landed in the United States, 'agin' conditions they deem unjust, rather than favorable to any particular ism."⁴

To call Cardenas a Communist is a deliberate distortion of known facts. On February 20, 1940, while still President, he declared in a public speech before the state legislature at Guerrero: "In Mexico there is no communist government. Our Constitution is democratic and liberal, with a few moderate traces of socialism which affect land ownership . . ."

Cardenas' actions prove that he was in no way pro-Soviet. He even gave refuge in Mexico to the loud-mouthed but impotent Trotsky who hated Stalin and was in turn hated by Russian Communism. Moreover, in 1939 and 1940 when Communists of all types were denouncing the imperialism of Great Britain and the United States, President Cardenas spoke frequently and openly in favor of the democracies.

The Catholic claim that the Mexican Revolution is Communist is absurd for the simple reason that it started long before Communism. This same argument holds good against Catholic clamorings against the Mexican land appropriations. The seizure of a fourth or sometimes a third of over-

⁴ *Covering the Mexican Front* by Betty Kirk. Introduction by Josephus Daniels, page XIV.

large estates for the sake of public utility "to provide necessities for the population" was carried out according to Article 27 of the Mexican Constitution. This article was taken almost word for word from the famous *Plan of Azala* drawn up years before the rise of Communism.

The fact that on occasions the land given out by Cardenas' government was a large plot that was deeded over to a whole Indian community gave Catholic propaganda a much-sought pretext for condemning it as Communistic. The real facts of the case are that much land was given out in small lots to individual Indians. On other and more publicized occasions, because of the nature of the soil and of the crops to be raised on it, private small-scale gardening would have been impractical and wasteful. Such was the case in the Laguna district where it was advisable to raise cotton. Moreover, it must be remembered that joint ownership of land by Indian communities is their centuries-old practice. Right up to the time of Diaz' land-theft, many communities and tribes held their land in that way. It must also be noticed that in the joint-ownership tracts of land allotted by the government to the Indians, each individual was paid in direct proportion to the amount of work he did. This procedure is the direct opposite of Communistic theory and practice.

If one believes Catholic propagandists, the Catholic church in Mexico was mercilessly persecuted under President Cardenas. New and first-hand disproof of such claims is found in the witness of Betty Kirk (p. 132) who was a correspondent in Mexico during those years:

"Despite many published reports to the contrary, the Church was not persecuted under Cardenas . . . On June 2, 1938,

when new riots occurred as Catholics tried to reopen a church [in Tabasco, the most anti-Catholic state in Mexico] Cardenas instructed the local authorities to repeal existing anti-Church laws and replace them with new legislation, permitting a sufficient number of priests to serve the community, in accordance with the Constitution. He deplored the clash as unpatriotic and reminded Catholics that they could appeal to the courts if they were denied justice or persecuted."

During his election campaign Avila Camacho, the present President of Mexico, made an ardent profession of the Catholic faith, though, like practically all Latin-American men, he never attends church. Though a close friend of Cardenas for fully twenty years, Avila Camacho is not even a right-wing socialist. He can best be described as a liberal but weak-willed democrat. He has allowed Clerical pressure and the political influence of his wealthy and reactionary brother to force him more and more to the Right.

CLERICAL COUNTER-REVOLUTION

The latest plot to overthrow liberal democracy throughout the world was hatched in the Vatican by Pope Pius XI and his Jesuit advisers. In Italy and Austria, in Spain and Portugal, in the United States and elsewhere, the forces of Clerical Fascism follow the same militant pattern in their fight for 'Christ the King.' To cloak their real purpose they attack democracy under the name of 'Communism.' Anything at all that is opposed to Catholic reactionary teaching, from Child Labor laws to defense of civil liberties, they call 'Communism' and proceed to attack it. It uses distortion and propaganda to paint everything liberal a burning 'red.'

The intellectual spearhead of Clerical Fascism is always a group of influential laymen acting under direction of the hierarchy. They can make commit-

ments that church authorities can disavow in case of emergency. Besides they can penetrate where the clergy cannot. They make a point of contacting reactionary millionaires outside the Catholic church and persuading them of the value of Clerical Fascism to preserve 'law and order.' These wealthy recruits become in time the brains and money behind a more conspicuous mass movement. In this country hundreds of Catholic men, like Kennedy and Cudahy, Raskob and Walsh, concentrate on getting 'big money' behind the drive. This *Catholic Action* group has no formal organization here as they have elsewhere, but their relationship as Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus amounts to the same thing.

In Mexico the "Catholic Action" group is organized under a patriotic name. It is called *Acción Nacional*. Kirk (p. 130) says of this "National Action" party:

"For it is the European-minded clergy, linked as they have always been with the aristocrats and some parts of the Army, that have created the dangerous upper-class *Acción Nacional* and the thrice dangerous *Sinarquists* for the conquest of Mexico..."

The leader of the *Acción Nacional* party is Gomez Morin. At its first national convention in Mexico City on February 1, 1941, he hissed from the platform both the United States and the Mexican Revolution. On the following September 28 the N. Y. *Times* made known that the purpose of this organization was to bring Mexico into close cooperation with Franco and the Axis.

Acción Nacional publishes a weekly bulletin that has over 30,000 circulation. Typical of the millions of pamphlets that it also prints is one called "Hispanism vs Pan-Americanism." The following denunciation of the people of the

United States is taken from it:

"Their Protestantism, their Freemasonry, their type of representative democracy . . . their concept of matrimony and of family, are for us so many poisons which maintain us in a perpetual pathological state. They have been the cause, conscious or unconscious, of our internal upheavals, of our perpetual revolts, for a century and a quarter, almost without exception."

SINARQUISM

The real dynamite of Clerical Fascism in the United States is Coughlinism. In Mexico it is *Sinarquism*, which is a mass movement among the rural Indians who number one half of the total population. The avowed objective of this militarized mass of ignorant and superstitious Indians is, in the words of their Clerical leaders, "to restore the social order in Mexico destroyed by Liberalism, pseudo-Democracy and Anarchy." It derives its name from two Greek words which mean "with order" indicating that it is the opposite of liberal democracy which it considers "without order," that is, a form of anarchy. Its official organ, *El Sinarquista*, in its issue of May 23, 1942, declared: "Sinarquism struggles for the restoration of the Christian social order. Liberal democracy . . . is contrary to this order."

The rise of Sinarquism is described by Kirk as follows:

"In the wake of the Spanish *Falange* propaganda, there arose a peasant league formed around the old *Cristeros*, peons from the big plantations. These peasants called themselves Sinarquists and organized with a blend of Nazi and Franco slogans. Everywhere feeling grew more tense, more nervous—all the old influences, the attitudes of the *Díaz* era, seemed to be coming back in a wave."

Sinarquism, like all Fascist organizations, is anti-Labor and anti-Semitic. It denounced Pan-Americanism, rioted

against the Mexican draft law and caused price inflation to demoralize the Mexican war effort. It made no secret of its pro-Axis and anti-American feelings. Governor Barba Gonzalez of Mexico in a speech at Guadalajara on February 24, 1942, said the Sinarquist propaganda "is being spread that Mexico is now losing a magnificent opportunity to ally herself with the Axis and recover part of her territory lost in the War of 1847"—i.e., Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

Senator Ayala of Mexico, internationally known for his middle-of-the-road policy, once denounced Sinarquism as a "fifth column" in an open letter to President Avila Camacho. Previous to that he made a precise analysis of the make-up of the movement, when he called it "a Franciscan program with Jesuit tactics." Back of a harmless front it is a seething counter-Revolution that plans to sweep into office by constitutional means as Hitler did in Germany. If this fails, it will revolt as Franco did in Spain.

Sinarquism was founded in May, 1937, by five Jesuit-trained Catholic laymen. One of these, José Antonio Urquiza, was killed in the course of the following year. He has become the 'martyr' of the movement, like Horst Wessel in the Nazi party in Germany, or Primo de Rivera in Franco's *Falange*. Its present leader is Manuel Torres Bueno.

Nazi propagandist Helmuth Schrieter and other Hitler agents helped Sinarquism organize its forces. The *Falange* helped plan and finance it. Its plan, which it faithfully carries out, was to recruit, train and indoctrinate volunteer organizers. In large cities *Catholic Action* committees and study clubs sprang up. After long and intensive schooling in Clerical Fascism, young zealots were sent out singly to one village after another where with the help



GROUP OF MEXICAN CATHOLIC-FASCIST SINARQUISTS SALUTE THEIR FORMER FUEHRER ABASCAL — "EL SALVADOR," "THE SAVIOUR," THEY CALLED HIM.

of the local priest they propagandized and trained five of the most intelligent natives who, in turn, undertook the arousing and enlistment of the entire village. Each new member was charged with the 'sacred duty' of getting five new members.

The Sinarquist movement swept Mexico like wildfire. The reason is not hard to find. It played upon the primitive pre-historic nature-cult of the Indian which Catholicism later took over. It appealed to his deep-rooted, superstitious desire to face death, even to sacrifice himself as an act of worship. The keynotes of both the frenzied crusades started by the church in Mexico in recent years, the *Cristeros* movement in 1926 and Sinarquism of today, are sacrifice and death. Kirk (pp. 130, 315) says:

"The instrument that the Sinarquists use for their hidden conquest is religious fanaticism, the most perverted and powerful weapon ever devised . . ."

"These fanatic Indian peasants have been marching over the hills and valleys of Mexico shouting, 'Faith and country! Long live Christ the King!' . . . They are fed the same brand of inflammatory propaganda that all Fascist movements have fattened upon—country, martyrdom, persecution and injustice. They are organized, as Nazis, Fascists and Falangists were, with salutes, insignia, a flag, 'chiefs,' and military

discipline. *All Sinarquists are called 'soldiers.' They have parallel and, it is believed, affiliated organizations operating under Pierre Laval, General Franco, Benito Mussolini. . . .*

CLERICAL SMOKE-SCREEN

Catholic propaganda, especially in this country, has painted Sinarquism as a spontaneous movement that is anti-Fascist, non-military, non-political and non-Clerical. The skeleton of ugly truth behind such 'false front' propaganda was revealed by a distinguished Mexican liberal, Antonio I. Villareal, in the autumn of 1941:

"The clergy is acting as a political power once more. This new attack is more dangerous than all that preceded it . . . Every parish is converted into a Sinarquist Club. The counter-Revolution will not be satisfied with concessions—it wishes all for itself, its ancient privileges, its old possessions . . ."

Kirk (p. 126) confirms this from her own observations and experiences: "For it has been publicly and officially stated many times that a large portion of the Mexican clergy is anti-democratic and pro-totalitarian and that some members of it have even acted as Axis agents to aid Hitler and Franco in their 'spiritual reconquest of Latin America.'"

In spite of many such disclosures, Clerical reaction brazenly continues its false front in its struggle against democracy. A post-Pearl Harbor manifesto of Sinarquism, made for United States' consumption, breathes love and kisses for democracy and Uncle Sam. This is part of a campaign inspired by the American hierarchy to gloss over the crude untruths of Sinarquism's earlier days. It is applying to Mexico the successful technique that has convinced Americans that Coughlin is not a spokesman for the Catholic church.

But the most effective smoke-screen in Mexico proper is Archbishop Luis Martinez of Mexico City. Personally, he appears to believe that Mexican Catholics should cooperate with their Government and that Sinarquism should rid itself of Axis connections and anti-democratic propaganda. In other words, he is as liberal as a Roman prelate who must accept the Syllabus of Pius IX is allowed to be. In any event, he has ingratiated himself with the President, made a few public pro-Government statements and undertook in his own diocese to remove from Sinarquist leadership a few of his most fanatical pro-Axis priests. All this, plus his naïve sincerity, makes him an invaluable aid to the Jesuits. Without his 'democratic front' Sinarquism would have been nipped in the bud.

The joker in Archbishop Martinez' sensational zeal for democracy is that, even though he has the title of Primate of Mexico, he has no jurisdiction over the reactionary bishops who rule all Mexico except Mexico City and its immediate vicinity. All these bishops follow the Clerical leadership of Archbishop Valverde y Tellez. Sinarquism is not interested in Mexico City, which is the capital and too close to the government for comfort. It is not even interested in cities in general, for it is a rural movement which can practise its outlawry best when out of the Federal government's sight. It is strong in country districts where it pays to be violent, and meek in Mexico City which is under the government's thumb and is a union stronghold, besides.

Sinarquism has grown strong in Mexico only because President Camacho has been taken in by Archbishop Martinez' naïve promises to get control of the movement "in the near future." By now Sinarquism is so powerful and self-sufficient that it can afford to defy

the President and laugh at his embarrassment. It may be taken for granted that Archbishop Martinez is shedding no tears over the reborn political power of the Catholic church in Mexico brought about by Sinarquist fanatics. At the same time he can afford to regret publicly, with his tongue in his cheek, that his 'predictions' turned out to be false.

The real give-away in the Martinez 'false front' is that he was appointed archbishop of Mexico City by the most Fascist pope of the present century, Pius XI. It takes genuine credulity to imagine that Pius XI, who entered into alliance with Mussolini, Hitler and Franco, would have endangered the work of the *Falange* in Mexico, the pacesetter of Latin America, by putting in office anyone who would have hindered its progress. When he appointed Martinez in 1937, this move was synchronized with the founding of the *Falange* in Mexico and the establishment of Sinarquism, for they both started that same year. The need of the moment and of the years immediately to follow was a smoke-screen to cover these underground activities. Martinez served the purpose to perfection. He appeased and distracted the government with promises of cooperation, while the Jesuits launched their counter-Revolution without let or hindrance. The tremendous power of Sinarquism today that threatens to destroy 30 years of liberal progress in Mexico is a monument to the wily Pius XI and to the value of a 'false front.'

POWER OF SINARQUISM

A new labor union has been established in Mexico by the Sinarquists called the "Sinarquist Farm-workers" (*Labradores Sinarquistas*). According to the New York *Herald Tribune* of last May 25, the Sinarquists have 2,000,000 members. When politically computed,

this means that the Sinarquist Party represents 8,000,000 people, almost half of Mexico's population. Even the most conservative figures, such as those of Kirk, admit that Sinarquism has 700,000 active male members and represents 3,500,000 people. Even the official Catholic weekly of Los Angeles, *The Tidings*, in its issue of July 2, 1943, admits: "In six years' time there are almost one million members enrolled as Sinarquists. They have captured control of 25 per cent of the labor unions."

Aside from the support of the entire Catholic press and such reactionary dailies as *Novedades*, Sinarquism has a monthly magazine *Orden* and a weekly *El Sinarquista*, both with large circulations. In addition, millions of inflammatory leaflets and pamphlets are published regularly.

Agitation of the populace is one of the most effective means used by Clerical Fascism in Mexico to intimidate the Government. Part of this agitation and an assured means of rousing the Indians to a frenzy is the deliberate burning of Catholic churches. These same tactics were also used effectively in Spain to discredit the Republican government and pave the way for revolution. Kirk (p. 133) says:

"The burning of churches has always been used in Mexico to inflame religious fanaticism. Following these atrocities other churches throughout the Mexican Republic were burned. In the midst of this dangerous agitation General [President] Camacho began to appease the Catholics . . ."

The liberal newspaper of Michoacán, in Mexico, in its issue of July 31, 1941, reported as follows:

"There is now a new army in Mexico, the Sinarquist Army, founded with obvious objectives of insurrection . . . This army, which is moved from place to place to provoke trouble, defies the authorities and the people."

Efrain Pardo, a Sinarquist, boasted: "Our Sinarquist leaders become the actual rulers in the community, supplanting in authority the local officials. Our leaders act as judges, hold courts . . . Our leader in Michoacán is a 'second Governor.'"⁵

The agitation of the Sinarquists is usually the prelude to murder. The N. Y. *Post* of December 2, 1941, related the murder of public school teachers by Sinarquists. The N. Y. *Herald Tribune* of May 25, 1943, tells of "fathers and mothers being murdered in the streets for sending their children to the state schools instead of the parochial schools of the Roman Catholic Church. A band fired a forest outside the town of Zinapécuaro. Sinarquists have conducted riotous demonstrations against conscription . . . Neither the Mexican government nor the American Embassy is anxious to publicize the organization."

An *Overseas News Service* dispatch of January 15, 1943, relates one of countless Sinarquist attacks:

"The armed band which attacked the village of Rio Grande charged the local garrison with shouts of 'Down with the government! Long live the Sinarquists!' Thirty-two persons were reported killed before the band was dispersed. Similar slogans were said to have been shouted by the band

which ambushed Federal troops outside the village of Zacuaplan, in the State of Morelos, where fighting lasted eight hours."

SINARQUISM IN THE UNITED STATES

Subversive activities of the Sinarquists are not confined to Mexico. Their counter-Revolution is opposed to democracy everywhere. Sinarquism is only a Mexican name for the Clerical Fascism that cloaks its international purpose in each country under a disguise of super-patriotism.

Sinarquism's purpose in the United States is to do among Spanish Catholics what Father Coughlin is doing among Irish Catholics. *Social Justice* of September 29, 1941, identified the purpose and policy of Sinarquism with the 16-point program of Coughlinism.

Aside from Spanish, Latin American, Filipino and Puerto Rican Catholics in the United States there are 3,500,000 Mexican Catholics. Among these groups, even in New York City, the poison of Sinarquism is being spread. It works in conjunction with the Spanish *Falange*. It has its strongholds in California and the Southwest.

The N. Y. *Post* of August 15, 1942, under the by-line of Joseph H. Baird, reported as follows:



SINARQUISTS IN LOS ANGELES: Police described the above juvenile delinquents as inspired by a Mexican Sinarquist group. Early in December, 1941, twenty-eight boys and ten of their girls friends were arrested in connection with the murder of a Mexican boy in Los Angeles.

⁵ Betty Kirk, *op. cit.*, p. 319.

"Authoritative sources declare that the *Falange* already has more than 100,000 followers in this country with groups in New York, Chicago, some Ohio cities and the Southwest . . . Meanwhile, the *Falangists*, often aided by Fascist sympathizers among the clergy, pass along Nazi inspectors . . ."

The *Nation* of June 12, 1943, recalled that Sinarquism lifted the requirement of Mexican citizenship, shortly after its foundation, so that it could infiltrate into the United States. It mentioned several California and Texas cities with Sinarquist organizations, adding that there are others in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Indiana.

Kirk (p. 318) makes the following interesting revelation:

"An outbreak of crime involving Mexican youths in Los Angeles was laid directly at the feet of the Sinarquists on August 12, 1942, when Guy Nunn, representing the War Manpower Commission, told the Associated Press that the Sinarquists in California were opposing participation in the war effort in every way. He described them as a 'Mexican Fascist organization, including the Spanish *Falange* and Nazis' . . ."

The strongly anti-Communist weekly *The New Leader* said on December 26, 1942:

"Latin American colonies in the large northern cities are not forgotten. New York has its secret meetings along the waterfront and in Harlem at which agents of the *Falange* as well as Sinarquist organizers are present. These groups, throughout the country, were told before Pearl Harbor that 'in America the Sinarquist movement is destined to bring about the re-Christianization. The hour of counter-Revolution has sounded in the world. The present war will mark the end of the liberal regime.' The rallying cry, 'Our Leader is chosen by God!' has been carried into Central America with suc-

cess. In Nicaragua, the editor of an influential Managuan daily has been converted to Sinarquism's doctrine and uses his newspaper to publish fervent propaganda. Guatemala too has been infected . . ."

Since Sinarquism is part of a worldwide counter-Revolution to restore the political power of the Vatican, it naturally receives full backing from the hierarchy of the United States. The Catholic press of this country has printed hundreds of articles to glorify it as the salvation of Mexico. *Our Sunday Visitor*, a Catholic weekly of several million circulation, ran during the first few months of 1943 a series of fourteen articles in defense of it. *The New World*, official organ of the archdiocese of Chicago, in its issue of April 2, 1943, announced a Sinarquist lecture tour with a four-column headline, "Four Sinarquists to Tour Archdiocese."

The success of Sinarquism proves once again that the 'Black International' can rise from apparent defeat and ride the forces of ignorance and fanaticism to new and unbelievable victories. Appeasement has brought the Mexican Revolution almost to the point of surrender. Only a triumph of world democracy, after the present war, can save it from disaster.



GARIBALDI, hero of Italian freedom and unity, once wrote to the Countess d'Ora d'Istria as follows:

"You are right, Madam. The Papacy is the most horrible plague that my country is afflicted with. Eighteen centuries of falsehood, persecution, and burning at the stake, in complicity with all the tyrants of Italy, rendered the plague intolerable."

CULT OF THE MIRACULOUS

FICTITIOUS MARVELS are not as common now in the Catholic church as in the less critical medieval times, when two different skulls of Saint Anne were venerated in two different parts of Europe. In order not to appear too ridiculous in the present scientific age, Roman Catholic authorities have been forced to repudiate 'miracles' that in the Dark Ages would have been centers of countless pilgrimages. But it is all too evident that they do so only in isolated cases, and then reluctantly after years of needless delay.

Magazine *Time* in its issue of June 21 made note of the following fact:

"For several years in Milan one Maria Miama has gone round telling rapturous tales of seeing the Blessed Virgin, getting messages from her.

To the U. S. last week came a report of the Roman Catholic Church's extraordinary measure to rob her story of pious authenticity. Having found her a fraud, the Congregation of the Holy Office [of the Inquisition] excommunicated her."

It is, of course, good psychology even for the Catholic church to debunk an occasional miracle, while letting others continue to 'do business' as usual. It makes the faithful think that the church examines cases scientifically and gives added assurance to the reliability of all the other competing 'wonder-workers.'

The Council of Trent, in its 25th session, laid down that no new image was to be erected, no new miracles accepted and no new relics recognized except with the approval of the diocesan bishop, who was to take counsel with experts on the matter of genuineness. But as little attention has been paid to this as to the decree of Pope Leo XIII forbidding priests to engage in politics.

One always finds that authoritative intervention by the church against superstitious 'miracles,' especially in Catholic countries, comes only after years of deception during which the belief has been commonly accepted. The belief spreads by folklore, but the repudiation never reaches the illiterate masses who are in the majority in most Catholic countries.

Most of the weird visions center around the Virgin Mary. In 1842 Alphonse Ratisbonne, a Jewish skeptic, was suddenly converted to Roman Catholicism by seeing the Virgin Mary step forth alive from a picture of her hung in the church of St. Andrea delle Fratte at Rome. Far from rejecting this apparition, Pope Gregory XVI confirmed its supernaturalness in an official document eight days afterwards. Ratisbonne later entered the Jesuit Order, which seized upon the event to give world-wide publicity to the miracle.

In 1846 the Virgin Mary appeared to some children at La Salette in France. The church has popularized this miracle, in spite of the fact that proof was found that the children had been deceived by an ill-balanced nun, named Constance Lamerlière.

The eighteen appearances of the Virgin at Lourdes, in 1858, are now being glamorized by Franz Werfel's *Song of Bernadette*. The falsity of the Lourdes myth and the nature of faith-cures that have followed it have been shown in their true colors by Joseph McCabe's booklet, *The Lourdes Miracles*.

About the time of the Lourdes visions in France, the Virgin also appeared at Marpingen, near Trier, in Germany.

In 1870 a Sicilian bishop told the Vatican Counsel that his people had sent a deputation to the Virgin Mary, and she had replied that she remembered being present when Jesus conferred the prerogative of infallibility on Peter and his successors. Pope Pius IX, who was very superstitious, as the world-famous historian Bury has shown, was only too anxious to believe this tale, the more so since he and the Jesuits had been working for years to have the popes declared personally infallible.

After 1870, children on the French border were said to have seen the Madonna pointing toward Germany.

In 1879 and 1880, the Virgin, accompanied by two saints, appeared to several persons at Knock, in Ireland. As a result, cures were effected for those who visited the chapel where the miracle occurred; others who were unable to visit the chapel were cured by swallowing particles of the mortar from the chapel wall.

The biggest deception of the ages is the Holy House of Loreto, which is firmly believed to have been transported by angels from Nazareth to Loreto in Italy, in the 13th century. From this house was taken a full-size pattern of the sole of the Virgin Mary's shoe. Popes John XXII and Clement VIII offered generous indulgences to those who kissed it, or a replica of it, three times and said three 'Hail Mary's' over it. Those who went through this performance only twice did not, of course, receive the indulgences. Forty-seven popes gave solemn approval to devotions to this miraculous house. As late as 1894 Pope Leo XIII fervently expressed his belief in it.

All of this brings us to the point that even if the Catholic church fulfilled the precautions of the Council of Trent, occasioned by the Protestant Reformation, about getting the bishop's ap-

proval of new miracles and devotions, it would have amounted to nothing. For church authorities up to and including the popes themselves have been utterly uncritical of even preposterous miracles and devotions as long as they appealed to the credulous public.

Full proof and documentation of the above-mentioned facts can be found in the "Handbook to the Controversy with Rome," by the distinguished German scholar Karl von Hase. An English translation of the seventh German edition was published in London.

CHILE NOT A CATHOLIC COUNTRY

IN HIS well-documented book, *Is Chile a Catholic Country?*, the Jesuit Alberto Hurtado admits that "not more than 5 or 6 per cent of the masculine population of Chile really professes Catholicism, and only 14 per cent of the feminine population. In total, not more than 20 per cent of the whole population professes the Catholic religion."

In Chile's total population of nearly 5,000,000, there are, according to 1939 statistics, only 1,615 priests, *nearly half of whom are missionary priests from foreign countries*. This Jesuit author says of the number of priests in Chile:

"There is one priest for every 3,000 inhabitants, whereas in France there is one for every 800; in Spain, one for every 600, and in the United States, one for every 660."

Protestants of all denominations in Chile number 200,000 or about 4 per cent of the population. They have seven mission schools with a total of 2,727 students, and in addition have 50 primary schools for Indian children.

BITTER PILL FOR THE POPE

THE HISTORY - MAKING Moscow Declaration, in the second of its list of agreements regarding liberated Italy, declared:

"2—Freedom of speech, of religious worship, of political belief, of press and of public meeting shall be restored in full measure to the Italian people who shall also be entitled to form anti-Fascist political groups."

TWO FRIENDS OF THE POPE

FASCIST counter-reformation of Europe began with the Franco rebellion. Vatican-Axis support was the hidden dynamo of this revolution which was the first step in the attempt to re-establish the Holy Roman Empire. Few know, however, that multimillionaire Juan March of Spain was closely associated with the Pope in fomenting the revolt. He furnished most of the financial backing without which Franco would not have won.

It is interesting to view in retrospect the character of this Catholic knight who risked his fortune for the papal cause: He made his first millions in the international white-slave traffic by transporting South American girls to Europe and smuggling them into France. With the sky-rocketing of his illicit fortune, he bought his own ships and in time became a ship-building magnate and a prominent politician. But his white-slaving was exposed by Albert Londres, and he was sentenced to prison by Primo de Rivera of Spain. His intimate ties with the Jesuit politicians and their front man, Gil Robles, however, enabled him to escape from jail and later become a Catholic-party member of the Spanish Chamber of Deputies. When the revolution started he came forward as the financial angel of the Jesuit fascist cause.

One might say of Juan March that the Vatican got him to work for the Axis, for Fascist Spain became a backdoor threat to democratic France. Of Ante Pavelich, March's assistant in white-slave trafficking, it might be said that the Axis got him to work for the Vatican, for he later undertook the purging of schismatic Catholics in Croatia.

Pavelich's career was even more vicious and daring than that of Juan March. When March was jailed, Pavelich, a Croatian, sold his services to Mussolini, who put him in the nominal employment of the friendly Catholic government of Hungary. Pavelich at once proceeded to found the Ustachi terrorists and a few years later carried out the planned assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia, thus destroying the keystone of France's anti-fascist military alliances in eastern Europe.

As Mussolini's employee Pavelich commuted frequently between Budapest and Rome. During those years he was received in private audience by Pope Pius XI.¹

After the assassination of King Alexander at Marseilles, Pavelich was charged with murder before the court of France by the widowed Queen of Yugoslavia. He took refuge in the 'Sacred City of Rome,' without a word of protest from the Pope. There Mussolini provided him with a luxurious villa. France demanded his extradition, but Papal Prince Laval, when he became Prime Minister shortly after, squelched the case.

In 1941, when Hitler invaded Yugoslavia, the Axis made gangster Pavelich puppet ruler of Croatia. How the Vatican approved of this move is reported in the chronicle of the September 1941 issue of THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE. There it is told from newspaper reports how Pius XII received "in private audience, first, the new King of Croatia, the Italian Duke of Spoleto, just before he took the throne; secondly, the traitorous Ante Pavelich and his Croat delegation."

¹ *That Day Alone*, by Pierre van Paassen, page 483.



ANTE PAVELICH

Catholic Croat Quisling—responsible for the slaughter of thousands of Serb patriots, including bishops and priests of the Serbian Orthodox church.

This past New Year's Day Pope Pius XII telegraphed Pavelich his cordial good wishes.² The Pope had strong reasons for being pleased with Pavelich, for he had established an Inquisition in Croatia as viciously effective as any established by a Roman Pontiff. Reinhold Niebuhr's conservative magazine *Christianity and Crisis* of June 29, 1942, described Pavelich's crimes for the expansion of Roman Catholicism as follows:

² *Washington Post*, February 21, 1943, in article by André Visson.

"In the present Croatian territory there are five million Roman catholic Croats, and 1,800,000 Eastern Orthodox Serbs. These latter are now being persecuted in a most cruel manner. Of the Eastern Orthodox bishops, one has been killed, several have been imprisoned, the others have been forced to leave the country. Of the Orthodox priests a considerable number have been assassinated, many have been imprisoned, the others have been thrown out of the country. Thus this large body of Eastern Orthodox is now without any pastoral guidance, and there are no longer any Orthodox services. It is counted that several hundred thousand Orthodox have become victims of the systematic persecution through imprisonment, maltreatment, plunder, and several tens of thousands have been killed. One of the officials of the Croatian State has formulated the purpose of this policy as the elimination of the Orthodox leadership, so that the rest without leaders can be Catholicized, and so that within ten years Croatia will be a Catholic state . . .

"Orthodox officials are being notified that in the Croatian State only those can remain in state of service who belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

"Certain Roman Catholic periodicals in Croatia approve this persecution. Thus the organ of the Archbishop of Sarajevo defends the use of 'revolutionary methods' in 'the service of truth, justice, and honesty,' and states that 'it is a silly idea, unworthy of disciples of Christ, that the struggle against evil could be carried on in a noble manner and with gloves.'"



FATHER EDWARD L. CURRAN, 'Christian Front' leader, addressed the Kiwanis Club of Bush Terminal, Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 30. His subject was "Who Will Run the Country When the Boys Return."

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RESCUING THE VATICAN

FATHER LUIGI STURZO, better known as Don Sturzo, is one of many foreign priest-politicians. Like all the others, his chief interest is the political success of the Catholic church. He writes for reactionary Jesuit magazines such as *America* and *The Catholic Mind*. In the April 1943 issue of the last-mentioned publication he whitewashed Pius XI's alliance with Fascism as follows:

"It is not fair to blame Pius XI for accepting Mussolini's advance toward the solution of the [church-state] conflict. This was the only thing he could do under the circumstances."

But Don Sturzo's real value to Vatican politics is that he is the one prominent Italian cleric who did not 'go overboard' for Mussolini. In fact he has consistently written against Fascism. This enables Jesuit propagandists in democratic countries to confuse the public by pointing to him as if he were living proof that the Catholic church is democratic. We are supposed to forget that Pius XI never had any use for Don Sturzo or his ideas, but merely tolerated him for his own purposes and then sold him out to Mussolini.

As an example of Catholic confusion tactics in which Father Sturzo played his part, the following facts are of interest:

On last August 8, Sturzo wrote an article for the liberal *New York Post*, which few, if any, Catholics ever read. In it he emphasized that prominent anti-Fascist exiles from Italy, now in this country, have much to contribute to the political reorganization of Italy.

Don Sturzo may sincerely believe what he advocated in the *New York Post*. The point is that he knows that it is contrary to what the Vatican and the Catholic hierarchy in this country

stand for. He himself never makes such statements in the articles he writes for the Catholic press. In other words, he makes liberal statements only where he knows they will be falsely interpreted as Catholic church policy; in this way he serves the Jesuits as a false front.

The unchanging attitude of the Catholic church on outstanding Italian anti-Fascists such as Professor Salvemini, Professor Borgese, Professor La Piana (an ex-priest) and others, is sharply outlined in an article by Father Thomas F. Coakley in the Brooklyn *Tablet* of last August 21. It ridicules them as "Godless professors" given to "stupid bungling". It says in part:

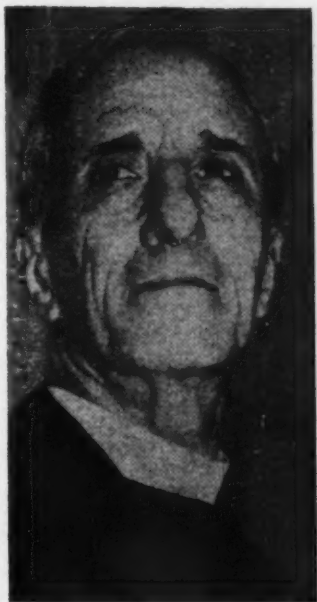
"Salvemini is a refugee, and America is pretty well cluttered up with refugees . . . But too much importance should not be attached to the influence of these refugees."

"Are our Catholics in this and other countries going to sit idly by and watch these disrupters of our national unity and sowers of the seeds of discord and hatred take possession . . .?"

When Pope Pius XI dissolved Sturzo's *Popular Party* to give Mussolini the political monopoly needed for dictatorship, he could have made arrangements for Sturzo to remain in Italy and avoid politics, but the Jesuit strategists decided that it would be more theatrical and profitable to let Mussolini exile him; in case he might be needed later on, they knew his martyr's halo would prove invaluable. At that time the Vatican did not dream that Mussolini would ever fall, but the Jesuits are far-sighted and prepare for all possible emergencies. They are never left without a man in the opposition whom they can use in an emergency.

Herbert W. Schneider of the National Social Science Research Council in England, in his study of Fascist Italy, says of Don Sturzo:

"In 1918 he got the idea of capital-



DON LUIGI STURZO

well-known fact that this system of government is especially adapted to party strife.' Soon after, by the joint action of the Church and government, Don Sturzo was kicked out of politics, his local organizations and syndicates were destroyed, and in the 1924 elections the clergy were required by the Pope to maintain absolute neutrality."



POPE PIUS XI AND HITLER

PROPAGANDISTS of the Catholic church in their efforts to camouflage the tie-up between the Vatican and Nazi-Fascism make great display of the fact that, when Hitler visited Mussolini in Rome, in 1936, Pope Pius XI did not receive him. The true facts of the case are that the Pope was over-willing to receive Hitler but thought he could force Hitler into turning the audience into a political conference in which Nazi Germany would be tied down to new obligations toward the Vatican. Hitler proved even more stubborn than Pius XI and refused an audience subject to these limitations. His refusal was a bitter disappointment to the Pope, who before leaving Rome for his country home expressed his anger in the much-publicized contrast between the Catholic cross and Hitler's swastika. This contrast was meant merely to assert the superiority of the Catholic church over the State.

Irish-Catholic William Teeling, a friend of both Pius XI and Pius XII and a confidant of high Vatican personalities, admits the above facts in his book *Crisis for Christianity* (p. 283). Speaking of Pope Pius XI, he says:

"Moreover, it is wrong to say that the Pope completely refused to see Hitler in Rome under any circumstances during his visit. Hitler offered to visit the Pope, and the Pope said he would not receive him under the circumstances. The Pope waited in Rome until the very last minute in the hope that Hitler would change his mind."

izing the Church for political purposes, or politics for Church purposes—it is hard to tell which. . . . All through the spring and summer of 1922, the veteran bourgeois statesmen tried to dislodge the Sicilian priest from his 'dictatorship.'"

The attitude of the Vatican toward Fascism soon after Mussolini seized Rome, in the fall of 1922, is described by Schneider as follows (p. 218):

"The Pope adopted a benevolent attitude toward the 'Fascist Peace' and the 'end of civil strife.' In December a Papal encyclical came out as follows: 'Though the Church does not condemn the democratic form of government, yet it is a

¹ *Making the Fascist State*, by Herbert W. Schneider, Oxford Press, 1928, page 217.

On the Lookout

By J. J. MURPHY

THE VATICAN UNDER HITLER

THE AMERICAN PRESS is such an obedient servant of Roman Catholic propaganda that it has been outdoing itself to prove that the Pope and his cardinals are anti-Nazi and pro-democratic. One silly dispatch said that the Nazis stopped papal broadcasts in early October. Another ridiculous report claimed that Cardinal Schuster of Milan threatened excommunication to "any one who offers help to the Nazi or Fascist authorities." The crowning absurdity of this statement is that Cardinal Schuster is known to have been the most pro-Fascist cardinal in Italy. At the explicit request of Mussolini he was raised overnight to the cardinalate and archbishopric of Milan, in 1931. Previous to that he was only the head of a small community of twenty choir monks at San Paolo fuori le Mura in Rome.

The greatest service Pope Pius XII can render the Nazis is to hamper the Allies by refusing their requests that he take up residence at Castel Gandolfo, his country home twenty-five miles outside Rome. It should not be overlooked that he did not even make a public protest against the Nazi occupation of Rome or the atrocities perpetrated in Naples, including the deliberate burning of the priceless library of the Academy of Science.

The extreme solicitude of Hitler not only for the Pope but for all the inhabitants of Vatican City is evident from the following quotation. The Polish Catholic Press Agency of London in *The Weekly KAP Review* of October 2 reported as follows:

"Nazi military posts in Italy have received orders to avoid all possible conflicts with Vatican City inhabitants, especially with the clergy. Cardinals are permitted to commute between Vatican City and Rome. Through the intervention of Baron von Weizsaecker, the German ambassador to the Vatican, food supplies were offered to the Vatican where provisions among the Vatican inhabitants are rapidly decreasing."

CATHOLIC FASCISM IN ARGENTINA

BISHOP Miguel d'Andrea is one of the three personal advisers of the self-appointed President of Argentina, Pedro P. Ramirez. Since he took this strategic position as political spokesman for the church in Argentina, the government has become more Fascist and anti-Semitic than before. Naturally d'Andrea did not forget to look out for Catholic interests, political as well as religious.

According to the *N. Y. Times* of October 24, the educational authorities in Tucuman, Argentina, had just gone on record as advocating that "*children must be taught that America must realize her destiny within the framework of Catholicism, because anything outside Catholicism is not American, and consequently Protestantism is not American.*"

In spite of the large population of the Protestant United States, the Roman Catholic church already considers that there are already as many Catholics in the Americas as Protestants. But its eye is on the future, not the present, for "Rome thinks in terms of centuries." It is looking forward to the end of this century when, according to present population rates, Brazil alone will have a population of 300,000,000. It is to preserve its religious monopoly in Latin America that the Vatican has declared war on Protestant missionary work south of the Rio Grande. To this end it has successfully used its strong influence on the U. S. Department of State to stop the sending of Protestant missionaries to Latin America.

Fearful for its hold on Europe, Rome plans to Catholicize the entire Western hemisphere by boring within the United States by Clerical Fascism and simultaneously exerting a pincers movement on it from Canada and Latin America. This is exactly the plan cautiously outlined last year by Father A. L. M. Danis in Ottawa before the Catholic Youth Organization. Instead of using the term "Catholicize" he uses Clerical-Fascist term "Christianize" which the European Jesuits invented and Coughlin popularized in this country. The following is a quotation from his speech as reported in the *Ottawa Journal* of January 19, 1942. It follows his prediction that by 1970 Catholics will be in complete control of Canada:

"With cooperation between the South American countries increasing, French and English Roman Catholics in this country along with the Catholics of the United States and South America will be able to establish an order based upon ideals and traditions of Christianity. We shall find a solution to our ills, see a change in society brought about by a Christian order for this hemisphere . . ."

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NO HOLY CRUSADE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT referred in early October to the Allied advance on Rome as a "holy crusade." Maybe he said this as a final attempt to line up the Roman Catholic hierarchy in favor of the United Nations' war effort. Or maybe he had one eye on the 1944 election. In any event, it was a gross misstatement of fact. A worthy comment on it was found in Max Lerner's column in *PM* of October 5:

"For Americans are no more on a Catholic crusade as they approach Rome than they will be on a Protestant crusade when their armies get to the German town where Martin Luther nailed his theses on the church door. The American armies belong to the American people, and the American people have no state religion and cannot engage in a religious crusade. Their concern in Italy is with the Italian people, of whom the humblest peasant is as important as the most exalted prelate."

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CALUMNIATING THE EX-PRIEST

GEORGE LA PIANA, a former Catholic priest, is the learned and distinguished Morrison Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Harvard University. He is the author of several historical works of world-wide repute. Typical of the small-mindedness of Catholic propagandists is the editorial comment given him in the *Brooklyn Tablet* of October 16. Confusing non-Catholicism with atheism, as it usually does, this official diocesan weekly refers to him as "an anti-Christian refugee professor at Harvard." It goes on to call him "this rather insignificant and unpretentious teacher . . ." All this is in accord with Catholic hatred and defamation of priests who resign from the Roman church.

THE PLAN FOR ITALY

LACK of policy as well as lack of democratic conviction in the U. S. Department of State is leaving the democratic elements in France, Italy and Spain no choice but to align themselves with either Communism or Clericalism. This is just what the Vatican wants. Newspapers of mid-October told how "Sforza is veering toward Badoglio." Even de Gaulle in his speech in Corsica hinted at a 'Latin bloc' of Spain, Italy and France with the Mediterranean a Latin sea. Three days later Badoglio's official radio replied, declaring that "all Italians joyfully greet de Gaulle's pronouncement." It alluded to Count Sforza's ideas and welcomed "the scheme of a federation of France and Italy, which Spain might join." It added that "the organization should be one of the pivots of a European unification."

A "federation" of European states is one of the major objectives of Vatican diplomacy and Fascists in general. Particularly pleasing is the idea of a 'Latin bloc' that would be entirely Catholic. A Slav Catholic bloc in Eastern Europe is also desired.

On February 13, 1942, the *N. Y. Post* told of the Fascists' desire for a Catholic Axis or Latin bloc. It said:

"Formation of a Catholic Axis by Vichy-France, Spain and Portugal is the objective of Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain and Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar of Portugal, who met for important conversations at Seville yesterday . . ."

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SPELLMAN'S PRAISE FOR FRANCO

THE FRENCH have a saying which they often apply to conceited politicians who think they are fooling everybody when in reality they are making fools of themselves. It is said of them that "they sew with white thread." It is particularly applicable to Archbishop Spellman's series of articles in October issues of *Collier's*, particularly the first of them where he doused himself with a thin veneer of 'liberalism' and then undertook a wholehearted defense of Franco and Spanish Fascism.

Our readers are too familiar with claptrap defense of the Clerical counter-Revolution in Spain to relish an addi-

tional exposé of Spellman's article that re-hashed the worn-out arguments that have been refuted a thousand times. Excellent articles of criticism on this subject are found in *PM* of October 11, which devoted four pages to it, and the October 23 issue of *The Nation*. The latter in its conclusion says of Spellman: "*But today when fascists are being rapidly renovated and turned into Allies, the job the American cleric has done on Franco is not to be despised. He has given him public absolution for his sins. He has drawn a veil of vague and unctuous piety over the ugly truth of the regime in Spain. Is this what the President wanted?*"

PM's calm, detached refutation of Spellman's propaganda carefully avoided all personalities. It even said in one place: "And, like a good democrat, the Archbishop wrote . . ." Two days later, Father Curran of Brooklyn, spokesman for Clerical Fascism in the East, sent the paper a telegram that upbraided it for its "vicious attack upon Archbishop Spellman," adding that "yellow journalism such as yours has no place in a decent America." *PM*, which likes to cajole itself into thinking that a Catholic priest is allowed to break into print without the permission of his superiors, said in its issue of October 14: "Edward Lodge Curran purports to speak for members of his Church, but he speaks, of course, only for himself."

The Brooklyn *Tablet*, the diocesan newspaper whose president, vice-presidents, and associate editors are all Catholic priests, in its issue of October 16, called *PM* "this Godless publication." It said more specifically in the same leading editorial:

"On Monday the most unprincipled and bigoted daily in this city, *PM*, bitterly attacked the Archbishop, misrepresented his viewpoint and all in all gave a hundred per cent anti-Christian and hate-provoking performance."

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STERLING NORTH, well-known critic of American literature, in his review of the book, *The War Against God*, says: "Despite Roosevelt's 'Crusade' to Rome, what millions of the allies want is not Spellman but Wallace; not Christian rigamarole but Christian ethics."

PRIESTS IN ITALY

THOSE ONLY who have lived in Italy realize how naïve Americans and their Government are about the Catholic church in Italy. An Associated Press dispatch in *The Daily Oklahoman* of last July 18 said the following:

"Parish priests in Sicily are taking the place of Fascist municipal officials in small towns and villages captured by the Allied Armies."

The naïveté of the Americans consists in their ignorance of the following facts that are known to every Catholic priest who has lived in Italy: The priests of Italy, especially of Southern Italy, are very simple-minded peasants totally lacking in what would be considered 'education' in this country; their only training was in the small, obscurantist seminaries where they were confined without release, from their early childhood; they are condemned by the professional and educated people; they live on a pittance paid to them by the government; they have no residence of their own but generally board and room out with a family in an overcrowded tenement for a few dollars a week; as they walk along the street they are called "bacarozzo" (cutthroat) by many of the children and some adults; partly out of gratitude to Mussolini who improved their standing and partly out of an inferiority complex they invariably became extremely ardent Fascists.

MUSSOLINI had trying days after the overthrow of his Fascist government on July 25. In all probability his friend, Pope Pius XII, interceded for him and secured for him the mild treatment that later made it possible for him to escape alive. This is a probable deduction from an Associated Press report to the *N. Y. Times* of October 3 that cited Badoglio's first interview with Allied newspaper men. Badoglio said that Mussolini, while under guard after being ousted from office, wrote to his sister saying that "he now wished to dedicate himself to the Roman Catholic Church."

THE PASSING SHOW

P. J. WHELAN

► **A PRONOUNCEMENT** of the bishops and archbishops of Canada, issued from Quebec last October 21, 'permitted' the Catholics of Canada to vote for any party that upholds basic Christian teaching on economic matters. The CCF (Cooperative Commonwealth Federation) party took this to mean that Catholics could now vote for its candidates. In 1933, Cardinal Villeneuve strictly forbade Catholics to vote for the CCF.

► **THE NUMBER OF BABIES** born in the United States in 1942 was 3,000,000—the largest yearly baby-crop in U. S. history.

► **COLIN P. KELLY**, first and best-known American hero of our present war, was a Presbyterian, not a Catholic. His bombardier, Meyer Levin, who perished several months later, was a Jewish boy from Brooklyn, N. Y.

► **CATHOLIC 'false front' clergymen** joined with Protestant ministers a few months ago in sending a rebuke to Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Reich Commissioner for the Netherlands, for ordering the sterilization of Dutch Jews who marry so-called Aryans. Inquart is a fervent Roman Catholic, formerly prominent in 'Catholic Action' in Austria, his fatherland, which he betrayed to Hitler.

► **PUERTO RICO** is a land that has been Catholic for centuries but its Catholicism is so stagnant that it cannot produce natives capable of administering its own diocese. An American, Father James P. Davis of Arizona, was consequently made bishop of San Juan. His predecessor was also from the United States.

► **THE BROOKLYN 'TABLET'** of October 16, referring to Archbishop Spellman, spoke in its editorial of "the illustrious position he fills in our Army, Navy and Air Force . . ." Spellman has no military rank whatsoever. Nor has he been given any position, illustrious or otherwise, by the Army or the Navy or the Air Force.

► **BIBLE READERS** are rapidly increasing in the United States. The "American Bible Society" printed 5,371,293 Bibles for U. S. readers last year, which was 21 per cent more than the preceding year. However, none of the companies can keep up with the demand for more Bibles. "The World Publishing Company" last September had on hand 1,000,000 orders for Bibles that were still to be filled and was forced to refuse new orders. Other companies are in a similar position and have been forced to ration bookstores to a limited quota of Bibles.

► **MAX LERNER**, professor and journalist as well as a true friend of Roosevelt and liberal progress, asked in *PM* of October 18: "Here is the man who . . . said, 'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself . . . We have only just begun to fight.' What has happened to the zest, the democratic élan, the will to plan, the fighting faith of this man and his movement at the very time when they are most needed in the world?" The answer is that, like President Camacho of Mexico, *he has fallen into the clutches of the Clericals.*

► **THOMAS CARLYLE** once wrote: "It is singular how long the rotten will hold together provided you do not handle it roughly . . ."

► **SEAN LESLIE**, a convert to Roman Catholicism, is a first cousin of Winston Churchill.

► **SENATOR 'Happy' Chandler** used to be a New Deal liberal. Since his daughter married a Roman Catholic over a year ago he has become as reactionary as Jesuit Father Hubbard and the *N. Y. Daily News*.

► **JESUIT magazine America** of October 2nd, in the course of glorifying Sinarquism said that Mexicans like American Catholics but have no use for the rest of the hated *Yanquis*.

► **THE CATHOLIC PRESS** incessantly boasts of Catholics who have in any way distinguished themselves in the war effort. It does not occur to them that there may be no causal connection between the religion of these individuals and their heroism. No mention is made of acts of heroism on the part of Protestants and Jews. There was, for example, Sgt. Schiller Cohen of New York who received thirteen decorations for bravery in battle.

► **THE CODE** of Canon Law has been translated into Chinese. Only the code in Latin is official. The purpose of allowing no 'official translations' is to allow Catholic propagandists to squirm out of embarrassing situations by discounting vernacular translations as "unofficial."

► **DAN O'CONNELL**, political boss of Albany, where prostitution and gambling are 'wide open,' is on the verge of thorough investigation at the hands of Republican Governor Dewey. The New York *Journal-American* of October 24 quoted one of Albany's gamblers as saying, "We've done all right with Dan O'Connell and the other boys for 20 years, and we're satisfied . . . Once a year I make my payment of \$2,500 to the O'Connell Democratic organization, and that's all."

► **THERE IS** still honor among thieves. After serving Nazi Germany well for four years, Catholic dictator Salazar of Portugal has been allowed with Hitler's blessing to abandon the sinking ship of World Fascism to see what he can do about preserving his Clerical-Fascist government in the post-war world. The N. Y. *Times* of October 18 reported the German reply to Salazar as containing "no threats nor demands." The Nazi note even added that Portuguese ships sailing unarmed will have nothing to fear. It would be interesting to know what the Allies promised Salazar for the use of the Azores and how much it contradicts the Atlantic Charter.

► **GREEK CATHOLICS**, also called Orthodox Catholics, have united themselves into a single federation that will include the Russian, Serbian, Syrian, Ukrainian and other branches of the non-Roman Catholic churches. The new federation has been incorporated in a bill signed by Governor Dewey of New York State.

► **THE DEATH** of Spanish Cardinal Vidal y Barraquer of Tarragona last September recalls the fact that he was one of only two Roman Catholic prelates who opposed Franco's revolution against the Spanish Republic. He braved the displeasure of the Vatican and the rest of the Spanish hierarchy by refusing to sign their manifesto justifying the revolt and Franco's fascist regime. He was expelled from Spain as a result. He died in Switzerland.

► **THE LIQUOR BUSINESS** paid 1½ billion dollars in taxes to the U. S. Treasury last year. This was 35 per cent more than in the last fiscal year. It was the largest amount of taxes paid by any industry in the country. The tobacco industry came second, with close to a billion dollars in taxes; the petroleum industry was third, with \$349,000,000. Taxes for automobiles and tires were only \$190,000,000.

► **ACCORDING** to Gerald Brenan in his excellent book recently published, *The Spanish Labyrinth*, "only 20 per cent of the Spanish people are really Catholic." In spite of this, he is convinced that "it is impossible to set up a lasting regime if the Catholic church is opposed to it." This book is one of the best on the market for a description and analysis of conditions in Spain up to the outbreak of the Spanish civil war. (Price \$3.75).

► **SUSPICION** of the AMG (Allied Military Government) headed by a British reactionary in Sicily and Italy is well-founded. Herbert Matthews in the N. Y. *Times* of August 22 admitted that "the fascist label is removed, but the same men carry on the same functions," as under Mussolini. He also mentioned that AMG will choose the Italians to take over when it steps out of the picture. He maintained that Badoglio had no choice but to continue to rule through Fascists and that the same is true of the AMG. Imagine tortured France and other countries having to look forward to the continued rule of petty quislings after the arrival of their liberators!

► **ROME WAS BOMBED** only twice in August and September, while tens of thousands of Germans were encamping about the city waiting an opportunity to seize it. Papal protection allowed Germany to make Rome a Nazi citadel. Meanwhile, Allied commanders scraped and bowed before the Italian pope. Of all the military establishments and war industries of Rome they bombed nothing but two railroad yards. Before they did this they wasted weeks in special training of the attacking air force, asked Catholics whether they would be willing to bomb enemy railroads in Rome and needlessly exposed American lives by giving the enemy a half-hour advance notice of the air raid.

► **MID-SEPTEMBER** saw the number of cardinals in the Catholic church reduced to forty-five, one of the lowest figures in history. The present pontiff Pius XII has named no one to a cardinalate since he took office. It is one way of keeping down expenses, since the pope pays the salary of all Curia cardinals. The depreciation of the Vatican's 1,000,000,000 lire's worth of Fascist government bonds is financially embarrassing to the Vatican.

► **CATHOLIC JOHN CASHMORE**, elected president of Brooklyn borough in New York City "issued an appeal to Brooklyn residents 'regardless of race or creed' to help 'freely and generously' an appeal for funds for the support of Catholic Charities of the Brooklyn diocese," according to the N. Y. *Times* of last June 10.

► **DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH**, prominent educator, has taken up new duties in conjunction with the federal Committee for the Co-ordination of Latin-American Affairs. Commenting on a recent trip to South America, he said that on the average 71 per cent of its people cannot read. This speaks volumes for countries that have been under Roman Catholic control for a few hundred years.

► **AN INSTRUMENT** for furthering the religious monopoly of Catholicism in Latin America is the new *Inter-American Institute*. Father Joseph B. Code of Catholic University in Washington, D. C., has been given a leave of absence to organize and direct this new Catholic-political organization. He has just completed a tour of all Latin-American countries. He has expressed the purpose of the Institute as "the unity of the Americas on a spiritual basis." To attain this goal publications, broadcasts, interchange of students and professors and other less public means will be used.

► **THE VIRGIN MARY** was honored by a rumba and conga dance held in New York City by the Spanish and Latin-American nightclub habitués on September 10, according to the Spanish-language newspaper *La Prensa*. Liquor flowed freely. The proceeds were given to the New York Spanish Catholic Church. A religion so palatable to the denizens of New York

'dives' is naturally indifferent as to how and where its money is raised.

► **WHILE COUGHLINITES** and Catholic publications like *The Malist* and the *Guildsman* approve of the fake *Protocols of Zion* and help spread them, other Catholics appear on the Executive Board of the "Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe." This is the well-known 'false front.' Among them is publicity-seeking Francis E. McMahon of Notre Dame University. He would do better to start a campaign to have Catholics in this country stop selling the New Revised Catholic Bible that inserts a false footnote calling the Jews "the Synagogue of Satan."

► **THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION** in its annual convention last August deplored present-day women's dress and particularly the fact that Catholic young women follow the prevailing style. It cited in favor of its disapproval the deep concern of the Pope over the shortness of women's skirts.

► **HUNGARY**, which rendered great service to Hitler in his war against democracy, especially by quadrupling its output of oil since its alliance with Nazi Germany, is now trying to back out of the war without losing its ill-gained territories. A first step in that direction is an attempt to have Budapest acknowledged by the Allies as an "open city." Cardinal Seredi, a member of the so-called Hungarian parliament, was in Rome recently to secure the intervention of the Vatican.

► **JOHN CUDAHY**, former American ambassador to Elre and Belgium, was killed in September by a fall from a horse. He belonged to the wealthy Catholic meat-packing family. A strong believer in Catholic authoritarianism, he apologized for the capitulation of King Leopold of Belgium, praised the German invasion troops of defeated Belgium, had the last formal interview of any American with Hitler. Prominent in *America First*, he cooperated with Joe Kennedy, our former ambassador to England, in selling Catholic fascism to wealthy American reactionaries. After Pearl Harbor, like Jesuit Father Gannon and others, he draped himself in patriotism. Since February he was Wisconsin director of civilian defense.

THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

CHRISTMAS TIME IS GIVING TIME

THE WORK of our Mission and Magazine can be expanded only in proportion to the means placed at our disposal. We take your gifts, especially at this Christmas time, as proof that our work is pleasing to the Lord and that He wants us to enlarge the scope of our usefulness.

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CATHOLIC BIGOTRY

A SUBSCRIBER, who corresponds with Prince Loewenstein of Bavaria and is under the impression that he is broadminded, asked us to send him a sample copy of THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE. On receiving the magazine, Prince Loewenstein returned it at once, presumably *unread*, with the letter quoted in full below. It is a classic example of how thin the veneer of Catholic liberalism really is:

From Prince Hubertus zu Loewenstein
Newfoundland, New Jersey
October 7, 1943

The Editors
The Converted Catholic Magazine
220 West 48th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

Sirs:

Prince Hubertus zu Loewenstein has requested me to return to you forthwith the copy of "The Converted Catholic Magazine" of September 1943 and the postal card which you permitted yourself to direct to him.

From the list of editors of the magazine it would seem that it consists mainly, if not exclusively, of former Catholic priests who have fallen into apostasy or at least heresy, and who are therefore not only "ipse facto" (and probably also by public pronouncement) excommunicated but in a permanent state of mortal sin of the most grievous kind.

As you state that you would welcome an expression of opinion, Prince Loewenstein desires me to advise you that under the circumstances he can only suggest that you subject yourself without delay to your "Ordinaris Locis" [bishop] with the humble request that, after renunciation of all heretic errors, a confession of sins and appropriate penance, a way may be sought to make it possible for you to return into the flock of the faithful and to save your immortal souls, while time is still accorded to you through the patience of the Lord.

(Signed) V. Zueblidorff
Private Secretary
to Prince Loewenstein

Prince Loewenstein is now a visiting Professor of International Relations in the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace.

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